

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**EDWARD THOMAS KENNEDY,**  
**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA, *et al.*,**  
**Defendants.**

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**CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-CV-4310**

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, upon consideration of *pro se* Plaintiff Edward Thomas Kennedy's Motion for Leave to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (ECF No. 1) and his Complaint (ECF No. 2), it is **ORDERED** that:

1. Leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* is **GRANTED**.
2. The Complaint is **DEEMED** filed.
3. The Complaint is **DISMISSED** for the reasons set forth in the Court's Memorandum. All claims that Kennedy asserts on his own behalf are **DISMISSED as malicious**. To the extent Kennedy asserts claims on behalf of Brian Seidel, Annette Hunter, Kermit A. Ritter, Clyde Elliot Deal, and Shirley M. Swavely, those claims are **DISMISSED without prejudice**. Kennedy may not file an amended complaint in this matter.
4. The Clerk of Court shall **CLOSE** this case.

**BY THE COURT:**

/s/ Jeffrey L. Schmehl  
**JEFFREY L. SCHMEHL, J.**